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try to respond to Senator Dierks at this point or maybe a little bit later in the debate. I do appreciate his remarks regarding 337, and would like to maybe open that discussion a little bit more at a later time. I just had my light on to support the Wickersham amendment. I think that it makes eminent good sense. I think that, perhaps, in the First Congressional District, we may have somewhat of a problem also in determining what the paper of general circulation is. So I don't think that anybody should have any problem with this amendment. It is just a good common sense type of amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wickersham, you may close on your amendment. Closing is waived. The question is the adoption of the Wickersham amendment. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 26...27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Wickersham's amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The Wickersham amendment is adopted. Next item, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler had an amendment. Senator, I understand you want to withdraw AM0962 and offer AM1449 as a substitute. (See pages 1780-81 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I do, Mr. Clerk. Senator Withem, members of the Legislature, AM1449 has been passed out to you and you have it on your desk, and it has some verbiage in it, much of which is simply necessary repetition of existing language in the statute. What this amendment does, it's the same one that I had suggested to you on LR 6, but Senator Dierks and I think many others of you thought that the amendment was not appropriate for the constitutional amendment and, therefore, I have moved to make the statutory change. And all that the amendment does is say that, as of a specific date in the future, that date being January 2, 1999, for petitions that are filed thereafter, not in the next couple of years, but after the next cycle, for petitions that are filed thereafter, they would be need to be filed at least nine months prior to the general election instead of the four months, nine months instead of four months, and that would pertain only to those initiatives, only to those